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Atlantic to the great plains, but not to the mountains beyond. *V. Labrusca* is our most local species, being confined to the Alleghany Mountains and the region between them and the Atlantic, unknown in the Mississippi Valley or beyond. Whatever has been called so there, or in Louisiana or Texas, is a large and downy leaved form of *aestivalis*, always readily distinguished by its "intermittent" tendrils, while *Labrusca* has more or less "continuous" tendrils.

Will local botanists assist me to more accurately define the geographical limits of our species of *Vitis*? And may I request them to collect fertile flowers as well as sterile, the only ones found in most herbaria?

ST. LOUIS, June.

G. ENGELMANN.

§ 240. **Botrychium simplex, Hitch, in Mass.**—I have received from Mr. E. S. Wheeler of Berlin, Mass., a specimen that proves to be good *B. simplex* Hitch. The specimen represents Milde's "*forma incisa*" and was found growing with a few others in a sandy plain. This is the first instance of genuine specimens of this rare fern being found in Massachusetts since Dr. Torrey's Deerfield specimen—date unknown—many years ago, and its rediscovery now will give to our botanists an additional stimulus to exert themselves still further in the search for additional stations.

Since I sent the above I have personally verified the rediscovery. There were in all about 125 plants growing on an exposed sandy plain, where the spores may have been blown from some of the higher hilly regions of the surrounding country. The specimens were all small, and it would seem as if the station could not have been there a very long time, probably, allowing three years growth from spores, and two for the largest form above ground, not more than five or six years, or there would have been some more fully developed plants.

I am now desirous of obtaining southern and western forms of all of our Botrychia and will be very grateful to any one who will favor me with specimens.

If I can make any return it will afford me much pleasure to do so.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT.

§ 241. **Herb. Mass. Hor. Society.**—The collection of N. American Ferns which I have prepared for this Herbarium being about complete, I now propose adding to it the remaining *Vascular Cryptogamic* plants of the United States, and respectfully solicit specimens from the botanists of the country for that purpose. Any specimens sent will be thankfully acknowledged, and placed in the Herbarium with donor's name and ticket, and, whenever possible, I shall be glad to supply any desiderata.

GEO. E. DAVENPORT, 8, Hamilton Place, Boston, Mass.

§ 242. **Musci Appalachiani. Supplement I.**—Tickets of 100 specimens of Mosses collected mostly in the Eastern part of North America, by Coe F. Austin, Closter, N. J., price 25 cents. Mr. Austin's supplementary collection is now ready for distribution, at \$6 the hundred species, each represented by from ten to fifty specimens.

§ 243. **New Localities.**—Mr. Hall writes us that he found, about